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FWCW ADOPTS PLATFORM

The Fourth World Conference on Women concluded in Beijing on 15 September with the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The Conference, which began on 4 September, has set forth a powerful agenda for the advancement of women. Delegates were able to resolve contentious wording in controversial sections of the Draft Platform for Action, including references to sexual and reproductive rights, the right to inheritance and pornography. Although some Member States expressed strong reservations in a number of these areas, final consensus was reached.

Mrs. Gertrude Mongella, Conference Secretary-General, in Beijing.

The Beijing Platform for Action identifies objectives and actions to be carried out over the next five years. The 12 critical areas of concern outlined in the Platform are: poverty, education, health, violence against women, armed and other conflicts, economic participation, power-sharing and decision-making, national and international machineries, human rights, mass media, environment and development and the needs of girls. The Declaration recognizes the leading role that women have played in the peace movement, calls for an end to violence against women and girls and supports efforts to ensure equal enjoyment of human rights.

Secretary-General calls for action

In a statement read by his Special Representative, Under-Secretary-General Ismat Kittani, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali urged that the momentum of Beijing be translated into concrete action, and called upon everyone to ensure that the decisions reached in Beijing would "change the world".

DPI responds to media requests

According to Conference officials, the FWCW was the largest UN conference ever convened, with some 17,000 people registered, including 5,000 delegates from 189 States; 4,000 NGO representatives and more than 3,200 media representatives.

One of the most challenging tasks faced by UN staff at international conferences is meeting the needs of the world's media. Conference Spokeswoman Ms. Thérèse Gastaut reported that DPI staff responded to more than 1,500 media queries daily. In addition, daily briefings were held in English and French, press conferences for Conference officials were arranged as were media interviews for Mrs. Gertrude Mongella, the Conference Secretary-General.

DPI News Coverage Service provided press coverage of plenary and main committee meetings, issuing press releases in English and French. The UN Radio team in Beijing filed daily reports to all regions of the world. UN TV, with the technical support of China Central Television (CCTV), provided live television coverage of the Conference opening, subsequent plenary sessions, press briefings and special events. International broadcasting organizations received material from the CCTV International Broadcasting Centre. Also, closed-circuit television channels at the Beijing International Convention Centre kept participants informed. DPI's Photo Unit made thousands of photos available to the media. UNICs monitored news coverage and sent press feedback to Beijing and to New York Headquarters. Since January, DPI has collected some 10,000 press clippings **(Press releases WOM/869 and 871)**.

NEWS BRIEFS

50TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS

The fiftieth session of the General Assembly opened on 19 September with the election of Diogo Freitas do Amaral (Portugal) as President. Mr. do Amaral, a Professor of Law, has taught at the University of Lisbon since 1970 and has been active in politics. He was appointed a member of the Council of State (May 1974 - March 1975) and a Member of Parliament (1975-1983, 1992-1993). He is the founder of one of the four main political parties in his country, the Portuguese Christian Democratic Party, and has served as President of the European Union Christian Democrats (1982-1983). He has held many offices in the Portuguese Government, including Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs (1980-1981), Interim Prime Minister (December 1980-January 1981), and Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Defence (1981-1983).

UN Photo

GA President Diogo Freitas do Amaral.

Ms. Leona Forman, Chief of DPI's NGO Section, will serve as his Spokeswoman.

Speaking at the opening, the Secretary-General said the United Nations was entering a second half-century and urged delegates to advance with faith, determination and solidarity. President do Amaral said the United Nations must be preserved, but reformed, and encouraged increased spending on development assistance.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, Samir Sanbar, introduced President do Amaral at a press conference held at Headquarters on 21 September. For the first time, correspondents at **UNIS Geneva** were "on-line" and were able to participate actively via satellite in the briefing from Europe.

A special commemorative meeting of the General Assembly will be held on 22-24 October in honour of UN50. It will be the largest summit of world leaders ever to be convened at Headquarters. Some170 Member States will be represented at the level of head of State or Government at this session **(General Assembly press kit DPI/1718; E/F).**

UN BLUE BOOK SERIES EXPANDS

In September, the Sales and Marketing Section of OCSS became part of DPI. As a result, a plan is being formulated now by the Department for an intensified promotion of its Blue Book series.

The series chronicles the role the UN has played in some of the major issues of our time. Each volume will appear in all six official UN languages, although the timing of these language editions may vary significantly from title to title. The series began in December 1994 with *The United Nations and Apartheid, 1948-1994* (A/E/F). Subsequent titles include:

- *The United Nations and Cambodia, 1991-1995* (C/E/F)
- *The United Nations and Nuclear Non-Proliferation* (E/F)
- *The United Nations and El Salvador, 1990-1995* (E/S)
- *The United Nations and Mozambique, 1992-1995* (E/F)
- *The United Nations and the Advancement of Women, 1945-1995* (C/E)
- *The United Nations and Human Rights, 1945-1995* (E/F)

Forthcoming volumes include the United Nations involvement in Iraq-Kuwait, Haiti and the Yugoslav Tribunal. Updated second editions of *The United Nations and the Advancement of Women 1945-1995* and *The United Nations and Nuclear Non-Proliferation* are also planned.

UNICs play a critical role in the promotion of the series and the achievement of its international recognition. Over the last nine months, Centres have reported good results, particularly with placement of articles in journals and in newspapers. UNIC directors are obviously best placed to determine how to effectively promote the series in their own countries or regions. Successful approaches include: reissuing press releases in local languages; presenting, in the presence of the media, books of particular interest in the region to senior government officials or prominent individuals; using individual Blue Books in connection with panel discussions on apartheid, for example, or with post-Beijing seminars and Human Rights Day activities; and featuring the series at national or international book fairs or at academic gatherings. A new set of promotional guidelines will be circulated to UNICs shortly.

Photo: UNIC Lima

ICS Chief Graeme Warner presents a student with a copy of the UN Charter.

ICS CHIEF VISITS COLOMBIA AND PERU

Graeme Warner, Chief of the Information Centres Service, visited staff at **UNIC Santa Fé de Bogotá** and **UNIC Lima** from 27 August to 2 September. In Lima, he gave an address to the graduating class of Administrative Engineering at the University Garcilazo de la Vega. It is traditional for each graduating class to choose a theme and these students chose "UN: 50 Years for Peace and Development".

BROADCASTERS AND JOURNALISTS PROGRAMME BEGINS

The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, Mr. Sanbar, welcomed 20 journalists to the fifteenth annual DPI Training Programme for Broadcasters and Journalists from Developing Countries, taking place at Headquarters from 18 September to 26 October. Included in this group are four journalists sponsored by the Friederich Ebert Foundation of Germany. Candidates were nominated for participation by UNICs and UNDP field offices. The programme provides journalists with the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the work of the Organization and cover UN activities on behalf of their news organizations. They also will attend briefings given by officials of UN departments and agencies as well as visit outside media organizations, such as ABC News Radio and WNET Public Television. In addition, the group will travel to Washington, D.C., for briefings at the World Bank, the IMF, the Centre for Foreign Journalists and *The Washington Post*.

NGO CONFERENCE IS LARGEST EVER

The forty-eighth annual DPI-NGO Conference, organized in cooperation with the Executive Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations, was held at Headquarters from 18-20 September, under the theme "The United Nations at the turn of the century: global issues, global actors, global responsibility". Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali welcomed participants by emphasizing the importance of democratization and the role that NGOs have to play in advancing it. "NGOs help mobilize public support for the process and could monitor threats to democratic freedoms", he said. Assistant Secretary-General Sanbar opened the Conference, with some 1,250 participants--the largest ever. A number of UN agencies and Member States were also represented. Speakers encouraged NGO involvement in global issues and emphasized the need for them to mobilize individual governments for action. Preminder Nath Jain, Conference Chair, concluded that civil society organizations must lead the way in finding solutions to problems and called for a set of common values around which all could unite and build for the future **(Press releases PI/910-916)**.

DPI MOBILIZES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

DPI is providing a wide range of services for the media during the fiftieth session of the General Assembly. Special events during the session include the visit of Pope John Paul II on 5 October and the Fiftieth Anniversary special commemorative session from 22 to 24 October. In addition to producing daily press releases in English and French on the work of the General Assembly plenary, the six Main Committees, the General Committee and the Credentials Committee, the Department provides daily news reports in English, French, and Spanish via the United Nations News Audio Information System. UN TV will cover various meetings and briefings and photo coverage will be provided. DPI has appointed information officers to act as media liaison officers to assist the Permanent Missions with visits of Heads of State and Government. Also, the Department will staff a special media centre during the commemorative session.

INTERNATIONAL DAYS

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELDERLY

The General Assembly in 1990 proclaimed 1 October as International Day for the Elderly **(resolution 45/106)**. The suggested themes for this year's celebrations are "Older Women", in connection with the Fourth World Conference on Women, and "the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations". This year's observance will help launch the start of the preparatory process for the International Year of Older Persons in 1999. The Secretariat is currently drafting the framework of a programme for the preparation and observance of this international year, for consideration by the General Assembly during its fiftieth session.

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, commemorated on 17 October, was proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1992 **(resolution 47/196)**, reaffirming that extreme poverty and social exclusion constitute a violation of human dignity. The Day promotes awareness of the need to eradicate poverty in all countries, a need which has become a priority in the 1990s. In 1996, the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty will be observed.

WORLD HABITAT DAY

In 1985, the General Assembly designated the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day **(resolution 40/202)**. The Day focuses attention on housing, human settlements and related issues. The theme for this year's commemoration is "Our Neighbourhood", emphasizing the other basic needs required for survival, namely a place to work and facilities for health, education and leisure. World Habitat Day will serve as a curtain-raiser for the Habitat II Conference, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, in June 1996, which will address issues such as affordable housing, health, education, community services, transport and urban growth. Conference Secretary-General Wally N'Dow says: "Time is running out. If we want to save the future, we have no choice but to find answers today."

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

1990 - 2000

Within the framework of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR), the General Assembly designated the second Wednesday of October as International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction **(resolution 44/236)**. This year, the Day will be observed on 11 October under the theme "Women and Children--Key to Prevention". Activities for the Day are coordinated by the secretariat of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, in Geneva--part of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs. More than 100 IDNDR committees have been set up around the world, many of which are planning special observances. Among the activities to be undertaken are round-table discussions encouraging the involvement of women before the disaster strikes, a book entitled *Women and Children-Key to Prevention* and a children's booklet entitled *Learning About Natural Disasters: Games and Projects For You and Your Friends*. Disaster prevention is closely linked with sustainable development.

WORLD FOOD DAY

World Food Day is observed on 16 October, endorsed by the General Assembly in 1980 **(resolution 35/70)**. This year, World Food Day marks the founding date of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), 50 years ago. It highlights FAO's continuing search for solutions to the problems of world hunger and poverty. In selecting "Food for All" as the Day's theme, FAO reaffirms the right of all to have access to food. This observance provides a global opportunity to discuss food security issues and the need to take urgent action. Commemorative events include a Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture and Development in Quebec, Canada, and the 12th annual World Food Day Teleconference under the theme "Fighting Hunger: Looking Back, Looking Ahead". It will be broadcast on 16 October in English, French and Spanish to more than 1,000 sites in the western hemisphere and Africa, and can be received in other locations by contacting U.S. embassies.

FUTURE WORLD LEADERS MEET AT UNHQ

The World Youth Leadership Training Summit, organized by the NGO International Youth Forum and sponsored by the UN50 secretariat, was a first-of-its kind gathering in several respects. For the first time, 230 young leaders from 117 countries convened at the UN in a conference organized for young people by young people. After attending intensive workshops conducted by experts in information, project implementation and organizational structure (including experts from UNDP, UNICEF and UN50), participants returned to their countries with new visions and skills for strengthening their organizations and establishing national and international partnerships. Another first was the transmission of the proceedings via the World Wide Web. Young "techies" sent both sound and images of the plenary sessions into cyberspace, almost without delay. "This may have been a first at the UN, but judging from the enthusiastic response, it may become commonplace in future gatherings", said the UN50 secretariat.

PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE

Another project initiated by the UN50 secretariat to involve youth in thinking about cooperation and community service is Passport to the Future. Designed to sign on millions of young persons between the ages of 7 and 14 years as "global citizens", the project encourages passport holders to carry out a number of volunteer activities. "Children often feel helpless when confronted with the world's problems", according to the UN50 secretariat project coordinator. "The Passport project gives them a way to help make their world a better place." The project already has been successfully launched in San Francisco and London, and is due to be launched in New Delhi on 10 October. Launches will follow in Kenya, Poland, Argentina and Japan.

Passport to the Future has been taken up throughout the world by a wide range of NGOs, including the World Association of Girl Guides, Peace Child International and the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya. It also has received unanimous support from teachers worldwide. UNICs around the globe have offered their support to Passport to the Future and many are actively involved in promoting the project. For example, **UNIC New Delhi** is coordinating the launch in India and helped to find sponsorship for the project. **UNICs** in **Buenos Aires**, **La Paz** and **Lisbon** are working to spark further interest in the programme. UN Member States also are enthusiastic about it and several will be represented at a special event in **London** on UN Day. The commemoration will be held at Westminster Abbey on 24 October in honour of UN50. Participants will sign a "Declaration for a Better World" and schoolchildren will make community service pledges.

UN50 CELEBRATES CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The UN joined forces with Lightyear Entertainment and Disney to produce a lively and uniquely animated television special entitled "People". This one-hour programme is adapted from the critically acclaimed children's book and explores cultural diversity through the eyes of a little girl, whose grandfather helps her see the importance of respecting each other's differences. Creators used traditional clay, colour pencil, oil-on-glass, computer, puppet, paper-cut and 3-D model animation techniques. The premiere will be shown on the Disney Channel in October in the United States and released on video in November in Arabic, English and French.The musical score by celebrity vocalists, such as Peabo Bryson, Vanessa Williams, Chaka Khan, and Grover Washington, Jr., is available on CD.

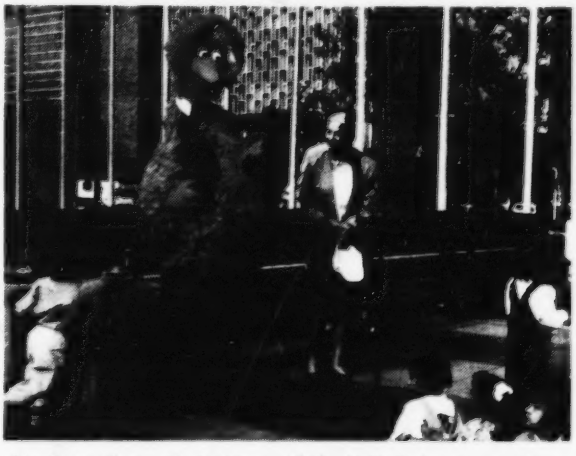

Photo: K. Kendrex

Mrs. Boutros Boutros-Ghali celebrates UN50 with Big Bird, a character from the children's television programme "Sesame Street".

Photo: UNIC Yangon

UN staff members in front of a newly erected UN50 billboard.

As the UN moves closer to the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary on 24 October, UNICs and UN system partners have collaborated on a number of commemorative projects. **UNIC Yangon**, UNDP and other UN agencies shared the production costs of a large billboard honouring UN50 recently erected outside the UNDP office in Myanmar. **UNIC Mexico** has played a leading role in the coordination of a book project highlighting the work of 20 UN agencies in Mexico. The book, entitled *The United Nations in Mexico*, will contain a foreword by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. **UNIS Addis Ababa**, together with other UN agencies and the Ethiopian Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, are planning a walk to the outskirts of the city to plant trees in honour of UN50.

Media

UNIC Dhaka, in its new role as coordinator of media activities for UN agencies in Bangladesh during this anniversary year, reported that on 9 August the FAO representative addressed journalists on the work of the agency and national development efforts. The briefing was followed by visits to FAO project sites. A second briefing was held on 28 August, in which WFP discussed its contribution to the eradication of poverty in rural Bangladesh. UNIC also helped organize a media briefing for UNICEF. **UNIC Lagos**, together with Nigeria's International Training Institute for Peace, organized a press conference to announce the publication of the Blue Book *The United Nations and Mozambique, 1992-1995*.

Seminars

The **UNIC La Paz** Director spoke on behalf of UNIC and UNDP at a seminar on "Development, Peace and Democracy: the Role of the United Nations", held recently at the Spanish Embassy in Bolivia. **UNIC Copenhagen** is organizing a one-day seminar for teachers from southern Sweden, on behalf of UNICEF, UNDP, WHO, UNDP and the World Maritime University. This UN Day for teachers will focus more on social development, humanitarian assistance and democratization than on peace-keeping, to help draw attention to other important work of the UN. **UNIC Brussels**, in cooperation with NGOs, the Government of Belgium and the information centre of the European Parliament, organized a two-day UN50 colloquium.

Exhibits

UNIC New Delhi helped organize an August photo exhibit entitled "The United Nations Through the Eyes of Its Staff", sponsored by the UN Photographic Society and Air India. **UNIC Tokyo** opened a photo and multimedia exhibit entitled "Fifty Years of the United Nations". The multimedia exhibit, reported in the August issue of *The DPI Programme Update*, contains an interactive component entitled "Countdown to the Future". **UNIC Cairo** also provided UN print materials for an exhibit prepared for the Syndicate of Journalists on the future of the press in Egypt.

Youth

UNIC Lisbon recently published a special message to the children of Portugal from the Secretary-General in the newspaper *Diário de Notícias*. The message, along with some of the children's UN50 artwork, was published in the Centre's newsletter. **UNIC Cairo** provided videos for a large event held at Cairo Stadium, sponsored by the Minister of Youth.

Newsletters

In August, **UNIC Santa Fé de Bogotá's** newsletter contained a message from the Secretary-General in honour of the anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter. **UNIC Port of Spain** dedicated its recent newsletter to UN50, which contained a message from Under-Secretary-General Gillian Martin Sorensen and a calendar of milestones in the history of the women's movement.

UNICs have participated in several special events over the past month. **UNIS Geneva** and the Centre for Human Rights commemorated the International Day of the World's Indigenous People on 9 August with a round-table discussion and a musical event. The theme of the discussion was "The United Nations Fiftieth Anniversary and the World's Indigenous People". **UNIC Copenhagen**, on International Literacy Day, 9 September, launched a new publication entitled *The United Nations--There is No Alternative*, jointly produced with Nyt Nordisk Forlang Arnold Busck. **UNIC Tokyo** participated in a Human Rights Festival jointly organized by the Japanese Ministry of Management and Coordination Agency, the Ministry of Justice and the Tokyo Metropolitan government.

Photo: UNIC Manila

President Fidel Ramos unveils the portrait of the late Rafael M. Salas in the UNIC Manila Library with Mr. Salas' wife and UN representatives.

UNIC Manila helped inaugurate its library's Rafael M. Salas Room on 7 August. The room serves as a repository for the works and mementos of Mr. Salas, the first Executive Director of UNFPA. **UNIC Maseru** joined forces with UNDP to integrate a one-day seminar for the media and NGOs on the FWCW and the launch of UNDP's *Human Development Report*. UNIC mobilized the press for the event and distributed press kits. **UNIC Lima**, together with NGOs, environmental specialists, the National Service of Meteorology and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organized a panel discussion entitled "Saving the Ozone Layer...Protecting Our Lives". The event was held in honour of the first International Day for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 16 September.

Seminars

The Director of **UNIC Rio de Janeiro** gave an address on "The UN and Tolerance: a Blueprint for the Next Century" at a seminar held at the University of Saõ Paolo. It was organized in connection with the UN International Year for Tolerance. **UNIC Copenhagen** also commemorated the Year by providing UN information materials for the annual festival of the port of Malmo in southern Sweden. The festival's theme was "1995, The United Nations International Year for Tolerance". **UNIC Lima** co-sponsored a panel discussion on "Proposals to Promote the Advancement of Women". Media coverage was extensive. The Director of **UNIC Washington** recently addressed students at the National Defense University on the "Role of International Organizations in National Security". **UNO in Belarus** partcipated in a conference entitled "Ecological Pedagogics: State, Problems and Perspectives".

Media

All UNICs were actively involved in the collection of news stories generated by the FWCW. On the eve of the Conference, **UNIC Copenhagen** held a briefing for Danish journalists travelling to Beijing. **UNIC Harare** took advantage of a press conference organized for a FWCW initiative, "The Peace Torch", to highlight October's World Week of Peace. *The Philipine Daily Inquirer* publicized the opening of the Beijing-Watch Women's Centre, co-sponsored by **UNIC Manila**, providing women with a meeting place and access to current information on the FWCW.

Other activities

UNIS Bangkok reports that *Rescue Mission:Planet Earth, A Children's Edition of Agenda 21*, has been translated into Thai. **UNIC Lagos** issued its first edition of *Partnership for Development*, a quarterly publication of the UN system in Nigeria. **UNIS Santiago** reports that UN posters on the FWCW, UN50 and the WSSD have been displayed in Santiago subway stations over the past year. In August, **UNIC Lisbon** staff presented the Secretary-General with an album of the photo coverage resulting from his official visit to Portugal. UNIC set up shop at the Secretary-General's hotel while he was in Lisbon.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action: World Summit for Social Development (DPI/1707; E)

United Nations Documentation: A Brief Guide (ST/LIB/34/Rev.2; A/C). A list of basic reference sources, including UN and outside publications, has been published in English as an addendum to the *Guide*.

United Nations Fiftieth Session of the General Assembly press kit (DPI/1718;E/F)

Women, Homes and Communities Habitat II backgrounder (DPI/1730/HAB/CON;E)

Why a Conference on Cities? Habitat II backgrounder (DPI/1732/HAB/CON;E)

World Week of Peace fact sheet (DPI/1739;E)

Caught in the Crossfire Former DPI staff member Maria Ousseimi travels to four war-torn countries--Lebanon, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mozambique and El Salvador--to interview young people living under siege. With unflinching photographs and haunting first-hand stories, she captures the physical and psychological devastation of war. She also covers the effects of urban violence on children in the United States. Published by Walker and Company, New York, 120 pp., ISBN 0-8027-8363-5.

UN IN ACTION

The following videos have been produced:

- **Project Offers Hope to Young Offenders in Romania**
  No. 406, Dur. 3'37"
- **In Ghana, Population Dramas Teach and Entertain**
  No. 407, Dur. 3'32"
- **UNDP assists Banana Farmers in Jericho**
  No. 408, Dur. 3'00"
- **Outbreak of Cattle Disease in Tanzania**
  No. 409, Dur. 2'51"
- **Afghans Tackle their Silent Terrorist - Land Mines**
  No. 410, Dur. 4'50"

WORLD CHRONICLE

UN and the Media, No. 597, Dur. 28'. UN correspondents Barbara Crossette, *The New York Times*, and Trevor Rowe, National Public Radio, interview Samir Sanbar, Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information.

UN RADIO PRODUCES LAW OF SEA SERIES

Who owns the oceans and the riches beneath the seas? Where can ships sail and fisherman get the best catch? Who will pay for the environmental consequences of pollution and dumping? More importantly, how will disputes regarding who owns what in the oceans be settled? UN Radio presents **Law and Order in the Oceans**, a six-programme series covering the rules and regulations governing the use of our seas and oceans.

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II. The New Convention of the Law of the Sea: What it means.

III. Setting Boundaries: The Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Shelf.

IV. Deep Seabed Mining: The Controversy and the Compromise.

V. Seabed Mining Revisited: The International Seabed Authority.

VI. The Peaceful Settlement of Disputes: The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

UN STAFF DAY

The Secretary-General paid tribute to staff members around the world on 15 September, describing them as a precious asset. The Secretary-General pledged to defend the values and traditions of the international civil service and do all he can to provide staff security. "We are privileged to be taking part in the building of a better world", he said. "Let us pledge ourselves anew to work to improve and perfect the instruments of international cooperation." In addition, a ceremony was held at Headquarters honouring all those who have given their lives in service of the United Nations.

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